

A STORM FROM NOWHERE.

East St. Louis Witnesses a Strange Phenomenon Which Baffles the Wiseacres.

The wonderful phenomenon of a rain-storm from a clear sky within a circumference of forty feet has been witnessed by several residents of East St. Louis.

In the north side of the yard of James Bailey, of No. 106 North Fifth street, there are two Lombardy poplar trees standing twelve feet apart. Their leaves are dripping with moisture. The ground that lies in the shadow of their branches is soaked with water.

In the clear space beneath the foliage and from the sky above within a circumference that just touches the spread of their outermost branches, is falling continually a fine drizzle of rain.

It fell in the sunshine of last Monday all through the night and at sunrise Tuesday Mr. Bailey looked from his window and watched the steady sprinkle of the water from a clear sky upon his poplar trees.

There is no doubt of the genuineness of the phenomenon. All East St. Louis had heard of it by nightfall, and hundreds are now visiting the place daily.

The phenomenon was first noticed Monday afternoon, when Mrs. Bailey went out into the yard to enjoy the bright warm sunshine. As her eyes fell on the big, tall Lombardy poplars, she was amazed to see water pouring from their leaves in torrents. She called in her neighbors to be convinced that what she saw was reality.

They came and wondered, and the news spread like wildfire through the town. The wiseacres called and puzzled their heads to account for the mysterious rainfall. Some thought that the roots of the trees reached down into water, and that they had become converted into dripping springs.

Others figured it that the leaves of the poplar trees had the virtue of producing peculiar atmospheric conditions that might induce a small rainstorm.

Many were fearful that the thing presaged another cyclone or some worse misfortune to the city.

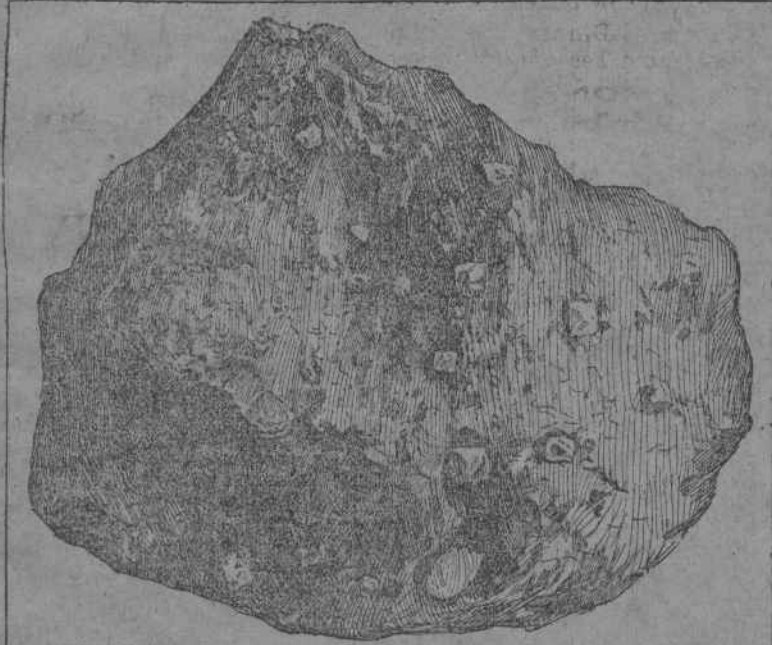
The superstitions had no end of explanations to account for what they deemed a supernatural manifestation.

At 10:30 o'clock Tuesday a reporter, protected by a Mackintosh, made a thorough investigation and only succeeded in heightening the mystery. Up to that time it was thought that the rainfall was only underneath the leaves.

By means of tall ladders he mounted high up near the top of the trees and found that the rain was falling from the clear sky above.

The "sunshine rainfall" was in full operation up to noon Tuesday. All about the Bailey's yard the sunshine flooded the crowds of mystified spectators, and all the while, above and beneath the branches of the poplar trees, fell the steady drizzle of rain.

The leaves were green and glossy and their edges were beaded with moisture.



THE DIAMOND MATRIX CONTAINING 37 STONES.

Beneath the trees the ground is soaked with slime, and the water that comes from nowhere fills the hollows made by footprints in the soft earth.

An East St. Louis druggist has collected a bottle full of the water and is making an analysis of it.

Mistaken women are bringing pails to collect the water, supposing that it may have healing properties.

Mr. Bailey is figuring with a carpenter to board off his yard and charge an admission fee to his big phenomenon.

He is a chivalrous fellow, though, and wants the work done on a percentage plan, as he fears his wonder may wind up operations as unexpectedly commenced.

MUSCLES BIKES DEVELOP.

What Steady Exercise on the Wheel Really Accomplishes for the Cyclist.

It will interest bicycle riders who, perhaps, admitted the wonderful development of Cyclist Ray McDonald's legs, recently published in the Journal, to learn from the tips of a well-known demonstrator of anatomy at the Post Graduate Hospital and College, himself a cyclist, just what muscles are developed by steady exercise on the silent horse.

Most of the power that is put on the down pedal comes from the quadriceps extensor, which is therefore well developed in all cyclists. It is situated on the front of the thigh, and consists of four long muscles. It is the muscles which do the lifting on the "up" pedal are found on the back part of the leg. Their scientific names are the semitendinosus, and the semi-membranosus. They are the bicyclers of the leg. While the real burden of propelling a man on a bicycle falls upon the muscles of the upper leg, those below the knee must be strongly developed in expert riders. They are the muscles that really do the fine work, in transmitting the force to the pedals.

A PICTURE BY THE QUEEN.

She Sketched Her First Baby Herself Instead of Hiring an Artist.

A great deal is now being written about Queen Victoria, because she has just broken the record by the length of her reign in English history. Many pictures of her are also printed. Something which has a greater personal interest than any of these is a sketch of her first baby, which she made herself.



THE QUEEN'S SKETCH OF HER FIRST BABY.

From a Drawing Made by Queen Victoria at the Age of Twenty-One Years.

The baby is the present Empress Frederick of Germany, mother of the German Emperor. When her mother sketched her she was six months old and wore long clothes. In the corner of the drawing may be seen the legend, "V. R. del et scilicet, 22, 1841," showing that Her Majesty was not sketch of her first baby, which she made herself.

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A BIG FIND OF DIAMONDS.

The Largest Diamond Matrix, Containing Thirty-seven Stones.

The largest diamond matrix in the world is owned by Benjamin M. Levy, a diamond dealer of this city. On its surface are no less than thirty-seven good-sized diamonds, while the interior is believed to be impregnated with smaller gems.



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A MEDICAL BICYCLE.

A New York Doctor Invents a Device to Prevent Bicycles from Spilling.

The bicycle that will not upset has long been the dream of bicycle inventors and wheelmen. The so-called "safety" is really not safe at all, at least until its capricious tendencies have been mastered according to the known laws of physics.

The name "safety" was given to it to differentiate it from the high wheel of years ago, the high wheel having no elements of safety, but many of danger. When the foreign wheel makers hit upon the idea of the modern wheel it was so much safer than the old model that its name seemed natural enough.

A New York doctor now comes forward with an idea for a wheel that will be safer even than a safety. His scheme has highly important features. It should prove to be practicable, and bicycles of the future will be equipped with an easily working contrivance that will enable the rider instantly to bring his wheel to a dead stop in emergencies, and actually hold in an upright position, firm and staunch, on the road. In the case of convalescents and nervous, aged persons advised by their physicians to ride, this improvement would go far to give them courage.

Dr. Whitman V. White, of No. 1965 Madison avenue, has suggested this ingenious improvement, and from plans he has drawn up will make application for a patent.

His device consists of an automatic attachment which may be fitted to any wheel. He replaces the cranks with V-shaped compound crank shafts, the pedals to be at the loop ends, and with two small idler wheels on either side of the sprocket.

These idler wheels constitute the essential feature of the proposed improvement. They are secured to the outer terminals of the pedal shaft, and are so operated that they may be instantly dropped to the ground whenever the wheelman is unable to keep his machine in proper balance, or when he wishes to come to a full stop without dismounting. These guide wheels allow the bicycle to tip a little to either side, but prevent it from going over far enough to "spill" the rider. They do not interfere in the least with the movement of the wheel under handway.

This attachment would be very valuable to beginners and to timid wheelmen when pecked in a crowd of vehicles. The wheel of the novice might be as cantankerously wobbly as possible, but he would have at his command a powerful check upon its uncertain movements. The fat woman who gets red in the face and hot around the collar trying vainly to control the wild evolutions of the front wheel, to which the tricksome leaps and bounds of a runaway machine are mild by comparison, would simply let drop her guide wheels and bring her runaway machine to an upright position with the ease of a master driver, driving a four-in-hand. She should not witness the painful spectacle of a pretty girl dashed cruelly to death, nor of brawny wagons and coal carts suddenly run into by would-be wheelmen too early graduated from riding schools.

Dr. White's idea is along the line of the inevitable. The bicycle for thousands is like a runaway horse with the bit between his teeth. Anything that will render it more subject to human direction should be welcomed, not to mention the influence it would have upon the monthly reports of vital statistics.

A FRIENDLY WHALE.

This Monster Accompanied a Ship and Finally Frightened the Captain.

Pacific ocean whales are sometimes very friendly, especially off the coast of Los Angeles County, Cal. On more than one occasion they have astonished if not alarmed sailing parties who have been becalmed.

These whales are harmless, and their attentions are merely from curiosity; but to have several of them floating in close proximity is not altogether pleasant. What is supposed to be the same whale has recently earned a reputation for friendliness. During the summer months it frequently met a large steamer off shore and either followed it along or played about, entertaining the passengers by spouting. On one trip the whale placed itself ahead of the steamer and swam with it so deliberately that the captain was obliged to slow down and finally stop, fearing to run into the huge creature.

On another occasion the steamer had on board as passengers the Medical Society of California, consisting of several hundred physicians. When about half-way over, the whale appeared and at once displayed unusual friendliness.

It swam up to the vessel, and, turning, followed her along so near that the spray of its spouting came aboard and the eye of the monster could be plainly seen. The steamer slowed up for a few minutes occasionally as the whale became too friendly, and the passengers had a fine opportunity to see a whale but a few feet away.

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THE TREATMENT THAT CURES.

How Doctor Copeland's Wonderful Medication Does Its Beneficent Work for Suffering Humanity.

It Reaches, Soothes and Heals Every Part of the Mucous Membrane, Curing Invariably All Forms of Catarrhal Disease of the Nose, Throat, Vocal Cords, Bronchial Tubes, Lungs, and Deafness--Doctor Copeland Gives His Famous Symptom Questions, Describing Disease in Its Different Forms, and Cites Instances of Notable Cures. The Great Success of Home Treatment.

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Doctor Copeland's new treatment, that has lifted the darkness and blight of the word "incurable" from hundreds of thousands of these cases of Catarrh in the Ears, Bronchial Tubes and Lungs, works its curative action for two reasons:

(1) It reaches every sore spot, from the office of the nose to the deepest part of the lungs, to the innermost recesses of the middle ear.

(2) Instead of irritating, inflaming and feeding the fires of the disease, it soothes, quiets, heals and cures.

What is this treatment that cures these conditions, once regarded incurable? By what process does it restore the diseased membrane, remove the poison and relieve the soreness of disease? Let the experience of patients cured and being cured tell.

HOW IT CURES COMMON CATARRH.

Here is a patient taking treatment for Catarrh of the Head. He breathes the soothing medication through his nostrils, and the nasal channels open up, the stuffed feeling in the head leaves, and he can breathe naturally through the nose again. The dull pains across the front of the head fade away, and the nasal membrane is soothed until the inflammation and soreness are all gone. The bad odor of the breath passes away, and the lost sense of smell returns. The dropping in the throat is checked, the nose does not stop up, and the sneezing, the sneezing and snuffling have ceased, and the discharge from the nose grows less and less, and finally stops altogether. The disease has been checked at its source, and the system before it even reached his throat. It has not been driven down into his throat or into his lungs, as is so often done by other treatments.

HOW IT CURES CATARRH IN THE THROAT.

Here is another patient who had Catarrh in the Head. He caught cold after cold, and the disease spread down into his throat. He breathes and drinks in the disease-banishing medication. It bathes the membranes of his head and throat. The soreness of the head and throat becomes less and the desire to hawk and spit is disappearing. The voice again becomes soft and melodious. There is no more gagging and vomiting in the morning. No longer does every exposure to the weather result in a stuffed-up throat that becomes sore and inflamed, and no longer does he find his throat and tongue raw as when he wakes from an unrefreshing sleep.

HOW IT CURES CATARRH OF VOCAL CORDS.

Here is another patient who contracted Catarrh that extended from the throat into the glottis, the gateway that opens to the windpipe and lungs. The disease attacks the vocal cords, this sensitive instrument of the human voice, and soon mars its sweet tones or destroys them altogether. Here sits a lady inhaling the soothing preparation. She had been ten months silent, and the treatment has already restored her voice. Who can say what joy she feels in being restored to the usefulness and the pleasure of conversation?

HOW IT CURES CATARRHAL DEAFNESS.

Here is another patient who for years had been a sufferer. Every fresh cold seemed to stay longer than former colds, and he noticed that his ears got clogged up and his hearing became duller and duller, and there were ringing and buzzing noises in his ears. The Catarrh had passed upward and backward from the throat along the Eustachian tube leading from the throat into the ear. He had visited throat doctors and ear doctors and had tried every treatment, but with no result. He was told to use the Catarrh medicine, and he did so, and he was restored to his hearing. Who can say what joy she feels in being restored to the usefulness and the pleasure of conversation?

HOW IT CURES BRONCHIAL CATARRH.

Here is another patient who was always sensitive to the weather. He contracted Catarrh of the Head, and it passed to his throat, then down the windpipe and into the bronchial tubes. He coughed at night so that he could not sleep; there was pain behind his breast bone and under the shoulder blades. When he coughed he brought up a frothy, grayish material, streaked with blood. He lost appetite and strength. He tried cough syrups and different medicines to no avail. He now breathes in with full inspirations the restoring and soothing medicine. The sore spots along the bronchial tubes heal, and cough ceases, the pain leaves. The appetite and strength return. He is again a well and happy man.

HOW IT CURES CATARRH OF THE LUNGS.

Here is another pitiful case. He had all the history of colds and Catarrh, extending downward from the nose to throat to glottis, to windpipe, to the bronchial tubes, and then into the small tubes of the lungs. His cough always troubled him. He raised large quantities of white looking material, and he had fever every afternoon and could not sleep at night. He had no appetite and his strength and ambition faded. He had night sweats every once in a while, and feared that his end was near. See him after four months of treatment! A new man. The healing and, soothing, modification has time after time sought on every part of the disease, even to the extreme depth of the lung cells, and bathed and cooled and healed the membranes. There is no more of the nasty discharges, no more cough, no more fever, no more pain, no more night sweats. The appetite returns, and with it come back strength and ambition. The cheeks fill out and regain their color. The step becomes buoyant. He has been saved from a lingering but absolutely sure death.

THE PROPER COURSE FOR SUFFERERS.

The proper course for sufferers is to read these symptoms carefully over, mark those that apply to your case, and bring this with you to either of the Copeland offices. If you live away from the city, send them by mail and ask for home treatment. In either instance, and whether by mail or office treatment, the patient may be assured of the speediest relief and cure possible to enlightened medicine.</